MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): One Mr. Subrahmanya Nadar was acting for some time in 1105, 1106 and in the beginning of 1107, as an Attender in the Research Laboratory of the Department, and afterwards as a clerk in the Government School of Commerce, Alleppey. He is not now working in the Department.

Action on the proposals of the Banking Enquiry Committee about joint stock companies.

267. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken to carry out the suggestions of the Travancore Banking Enquiry Committee in respect of —

(i) empowering the Registrar to inspect the books of the companies; and

(ii) the amendment of the Travancore Companies Regulation, or the enactment of a suitable Banking Law?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (i) and (ii) The suggestions of the Travancore Banking Enquiry Committee referred to are engaging the attention of Government.

Particulars re the English School Leaving Examination in 1107.

268. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students that have appeared for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination in 1107;

(*b*) the amount collected from them on account of examination fees; and

(*c*) the amount spent out of it on account of examination charges?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 4,625.

(*b*) Rs. 54,852.

54 candidates did not pay examination fees as they belonged to the depressed classes.

(*c*) Answer to this part cannot be furnished now as all items of expenditure connected with the examination have not yet been met.

Appointment of Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai as Director of Registration.

269. MR. JOSEPH KUNJU (*Changanachery* cum *Peermade*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which Mr. Padmanabha Pillai was appointed Director of Registration;

(*b*) whether he has been confirmed in that post; and

(*c*) if not, the reason for not doing so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Mr. G. Padmanabha Pillai was appointed on 16-9-1106 as Officer in independent charge of the duties of the Director of Registration.

(*b*) No.

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